


IN THE CLAIMS AMEND

1. (Original) An apparatus for forming a bathtub liner over an existing bathtub comprising:

- a container defining a cavity;
- a seal associated with cavity, the seal capable of forming a substantially continuous seal with a bathtub liner;
- a heating element capable of heating the cavity; and
- means for increasing pressure within the cavity, to in turn, force a bathtub liner outwardly, away from the cavity, whereupon positioning of the liner and apparatus over a existing bathtub will force the liner toward an existing bathtub.



2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the container further comprises:

- a top surface; and
- a plurality of side walls associated with the top surface.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the container further comprises a compensating member.


4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the container further comprises a length compensating member and a width compensating member.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the compensating member comprises a kit which includes a plurality of compensating members.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the kit is capable of adapting the apparatus to correspond to an existing bathtub that is between four and six feet in length.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the container comprises a substantially transparent member.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plurality side walls define a lower perimeter, the seal member extending about the perimeter defined by the plurality of side walls.

 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the heating element comprises a heater member positioned within the cavity.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the heating element comprises an electric heater being selectively activated.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the pressure increasing means comprises at least one air compressor in fluid communication with the cavity of the container.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a weight associated with the container, to, in turn, enhance the effectiveness of the seal member.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the weight comprises a second container having at least one of an inlet and an outlet, the second container being capable of storing a predetermined quantity of fluid therein.

Claims 14-26 (Withdrawn).
